GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3822
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IN-SERVICE COURSE IN SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Safdarjung Hospital conducting illegal in-service course` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated November 4, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps contemplated by the Government to restrain from running the disputed course?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) The training course in Medical Laboratory Technology of one year duration is conducted in Safdarjung Hospital.The candidates having minimum qualification of SSC with science ormatriculation without science with laboratory experience of two years are eligible. For external candidates advertisement is given in newspapers. No external candidate having qualification of matric with science having less than 60% marks is given admission. The selection of the candidate for admission to the course is done by a duly constituted Committee by the Medical Superintendent of the Safdarjung Hospital.Since this a proficiency certificate course, the recognition of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has not been sought. The approval of AICTE is required for diploma and degree programme. The course is being conducted since April 1985 and 417 candidates have been imparted training since then. Due to non-availability of Laboratory Assistants and Laboratory Technicians, in-service training course for 20 students was started from the available manpower for smooth functioning of the hospital having requisite qualification to undertake the training. Subsequently, this course was extended to 10 external candidates in addition to 20 in-service students. The course is being run with the approval of Director General of Health Services.

(d) In view of (b) & (c) above, the question does not arise.